Does Step Count Feedback Enhance Counseling for Weight Loss?

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K	ey Study Components:
	Recruitment goal: 300 patients from 6 VAMC's
	Participants will record step counts by wearing pedometers or record minutes walking for over approximately 6 months
	Registered Dieticians will incorporate physical activity counseling (with or without pedometer use) and nutritional counseling to encourage gradual activity increases and weight loss among eligible patients
B	rief Initial Eligibility Criteria:
1.	Patient is newly referred from a VA physician for one of the following diagnoses:
	(1) Diabetes
	(2) Coronary artery disease
	(3) Hypercholesterolemia
	(4) Hypertension
	(5) Obesity

A more comprehensive eligibility screening will be conducted with each potential subject by the Site Coordinator prior to enrollment into the study.

2. Patient is ambulatory and able to comfortably walk at least one block

3. The patient has a BMI of 28 or greater